

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0043] with the following amended paragraph:

[0043] Figure 12 shows a second embodiment where the cutter wheel 803 has been replaced by the cutter wheel 859. The cutter wheel 859 is similar to the cutter wheel 803 but further includes vertically extending cutting edges 861 at each side of the notches 855. Further, a circular urethane wheel 862 (backing member) has been mounted on shaft 845 directly below cutter wheel 805 to rotate therewith. Accordingly, as the mailpieces 87 pass between a nip 863 the bottom of the mailpiece 87 is cut in a castellated appearance whereby a plurality of segments 865 of the lower edge 864 have been removed to produce a plurality of edge openings 867. The openings 867 allow any powder material to pass therethrough during the jogging and compression/decompression cycles while the uncut edge segments 869 retain the contents within the mailpiece 87. Once again, the opened area of the mailpieces 87 are significantly increased over a cut corner opening to allow more opportunity for powder material to escape during the jogging and compression/decompression cycles.